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<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents Mailstop RCE, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/631,271
	Filing Date	02 August 2000
	First Named Inventor	POWELL, Gary
	Art Unit	2881
	Examiner Name	SMITH, Johnnie L. II
	Attorney Docket Number	LTWD 1001-1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s) Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☒ Other PTO-2038

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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In re Application of:

Inventor(s): GARY POWELL

Application No. 09/631,271

Confirmation No. 8514

Filed: 2 August 2000

Title: **Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectrometer  
for Process Diagnostics and Control**

Art Unit: 2881

Examiner: Johnnie L. Smith II

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION**

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U.S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- ☒ RCE Transmittal (\$375 / small entity filing fee enclosed);
- ☒ Response Accompanying Request for Continued Prosecution (for which no fee is due); and
- ☒ Credit Card Authorization Form PTO-2038 in payment of the filing fee and the extension fee.
- ☒ A 3-month extension of time is requested to file these documents, the small entity fee for which is enclosed.

Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (LTWD 1001-1), or credit any payment thereto, any additional fees associated with this document.

Respectfully submitted.

Dated: 07 August 2003

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